

America's Initial Involvement in WWI

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Directions: Answer the following questions on America's initial involvement in WWI. Using the following websites, you will be able to answer the questions, www.firstworldwar.com or www.pbs.org/greatwar/ . If you cannot find the answer *using the websites FIRST*, then you may use your textbook, but try to use it as a last resort.

1. Why America was neutral at the beginning of the war?
2. What were some of the opposing views some Americans had toward the war?
3. Why did America begin sympathizing with the Allies?
4. Why was Germany referred to as "The Bully of Europe"?
5. How did the British blockade impact the U.S?
6. What was one result of the blockade?
7. How did the U-boats impact American sentiments towards Germany?
8. What was the significance of the Lusitania sinking?

9. How many people died overall in the sinking, and how many were Americans?
10. What were President Woodrow Wilson's feelings toward entering the war?
11. What did Wilson use as a campaign slogan for re-election in 1916?
12. After the election in 1916, what did President Wilson urge the warring nations to do?
13. What Germany's response to Wilson's plea?
14. What was the name given to the telegram intercepted by British agents, sent by the German foreign minister to the German Ambassador to Mexico?
15. What was the telegram suggesting?
16. What was the final step for the U.S. to enter the war?
17. What was the month and date when America declared war on the Central Powers?
18. What were some of the other factors that pushed America into entering the war?

19. What were American sentiments after war was declared?

20. President Wilson's desire was to make the world "safe for democracy", what did he mean by that statement?